

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed African Growth and Opportunity Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1846–1850, S. Res. 218–219, and S. Con. Res. 68. **Page S13798**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 1477, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran.

H.R. 1794, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO).

S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union, in light of the Alliance's April 1999 Washington Summit and the European Union's June 1999 Cologne Summit.

S. Res. 209, expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru.

S. 923, to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel.

S. Con. Res. 30, recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo.

S. Con. Res. 68, expressing the sense of Congress on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Czech and Slovak Republics. **Page S13795**

Measures Passed:

African Growth and Opportunity Act: By 76 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 353), Senate passed H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Sahara Africa, expand trade benefits to the countries in the Caribbean Basin, renew the generalized system of preferences, and reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance programs, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Roth Amendment No. 2505 (to Amendment No. 2325), to authorize the extension of permanent normal trade relations to Albania and Kyrgyzstan.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Conrad/Grassley Modified Amendment No. 2360 (to Amendment No. 2325), to establish trade negotiating objectives for the United States for the next round of World Trade Organization negotiations that enhance the competitiveness of United States agriculture, spur economic growth, increase farm income, and produce full employment in the United States agricultural sector. **Pages S13729–33, S13770–71**

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 351), Harkin Amendment No. 2495 (to Amendment No. 2325), to deny benefits under the legislation to any country that does not comply with the Convention for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor.

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Thurmond Amendment No. 2410 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide expedited trade adjustment assistance for certain textile and apparel workers. **Page S13775**

Nickles Amendment No. 2480 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide a waiver of a section 901(j) denial of foreign tax credit in the national interest of the United States, and to expand trade and investment opportunities for United States companies and workers. **Page S13776**

Dorgan Amendment No. 2402 (to Amendment No. 2325), to clarify the acts, policies, and practices that are considered unreasonable for purposes of section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974.

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Lott (for Roth/Moynihan) Amendment No. 2325, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2487 (to Amendment No. 2325), to condition trade benefits for Caribbean countries on compliance with internationally recognized labor rights. (By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 349), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Specter Modified Amendment No. 2347 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide for a private right of action in the case of injury from the importation of certain dumped and subsidized merchandise. (By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 350), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2427 (to Amendment No. 2325), to provide expanded trade benefits to countries in sub-Saharan Africa. (By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 352), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Landrieu Amendment No. 2430 (to Amendment No. 2325), to limit preferential tariff treatment to countries with a gross national product that does not extend 5 times the average gross national product of all eligible sub-Saharan African countries.

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During consideration of the bill today, Senate also took the following action:

Feingold Amendment No. 2409 (to Amendment No. 2325), to establish priorities for providing development assistance, was ruled out of order by the Chair on a point of order, and the amendment thus fell.

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Conrad/Grassley Amendment No. 2359 (to Amendment No. 2325), to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide trade adjustment assistance to farmers and fishermen, adopted on November 2, 1999, was subsequently modified.

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Pending motion to close further debate on the bill was vitiated.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Roth, Grassley, Lott, Helms, Moynihan, Baucus, and Biden.

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Healthcare Research and Quality Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 580, to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Pol-

icy and Research, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gramm (for Frist/Jeffords/Kennedy) Amendment No. 2506, in the nature of a substitute.

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Youth Drug and Mental Services Act: Senate passed S. 976, to amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to focus the authority of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on community-based services children and adolescents, to enhance flexibility and accountability, to establish programs for youth treatment, and to respond to crises, especially those related to children and violence, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gramm (for Frist) Amendment No. 2507, to provide a grant program for strengthening families and to modify other provisions, and to make various technical corrections.

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Geneva Conventions 50th Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 102, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Federal Erroneous Retirement Coverage Corrections Act: Senate passed S. 1232, to provide for the correction of retirement coverage errors under chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Gramm (for Cochran/Akaka) Amendment No. 2508, in the nature of a substitute.

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Position of Chief Agricultural Negotiator: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 185, to establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and the bill was then passed.

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Export Apple Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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OPIC Authorization: Senate passed S. 688, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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Honoring Walter Jerry Payton: Senate agreed to S. Res. 219, recognizing and honoring Walter Jerry

Payton and expressing the condolences of the Senate to his family on his death. **Pages S13867-68**

District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate passed H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S13868**

Gramm (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2509, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13868**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hutchison, Domenici, Stevens, Durbin, and Byrd. **Page S13868**

Financial Services Modernization Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report on S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers. **Pages S13783-91**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Thursday, November 4, 1999. **Page S13868**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Estonia (Treaty Doc. 105-55) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-3) **Page S13795**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Lithuania (Treaty Doc. 105-56) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-4) **Pages S13795-96**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Latvia (Treaty Doc. 105-57) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-5) **Page S13796**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Venezuela (Treaty Doc. 106-3) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-6) **Page S13796**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Slovenia (Treaty Doc. 106-9) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-7) **Page S13796**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Italy (Treaty Doc. 106-11) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-8) **Pages S13796-97**

Report to accompany the Tax Convention with Denmark (Treaty Doc. 106-12) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-9) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Germany (Treaty Doc. 106-13) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-10) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Amending Convention with Ireland (Treaty Doc. 106-15) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-11) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Convention (No. 182) for Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor (Treaty Doc. 106-5) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-12) **Page S13797**

Report to accompany the Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Korea (Treaty Doc. 106-2) (Exec. Rept. No. 106-13) **Pages S13797-98**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report entitled "Agreement for Cooperation Between the United States of America and Australia Concerning Technology for the Separation of Isotopes of Uranium by Laser Excitation"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-70). **Pages S13793-94**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Irwin Belk, of North Carolina, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Samoa.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Revius O. Ortique, Jr., of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Bobby L. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science for a term expiring July 19, 2003.

Michael G. Rossmann, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Daniel Simberloff, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S13868-69**

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—353)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 4, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13868.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OPERATION ALLIED FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Gen. Klaus Naumann (Ret.), Bundeswehr (German Army), former Chairman of the NATO Military Committee.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water concluded hearing to examine solutions to the policy concerns with respect to Habitat Conservation Plans, after receiving testimony from Jamie Rappaport Clark, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Don Knowles, Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Jimmy S. Christenson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Madison; David Donnelly, Southern Nevada Water Authority, Las Vegas; Maureen S. Frisch, Simpson Investment Company, Seattle, Washington, on behalf of the Foundation for Habitat Conservation and Coalition for Habitat Conservation; Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, Los Angeles, California; James Riley, Intermountain Forest Association, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Michael J. Bean, Environmental Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 923, to promote full equality at the United Nations for Israel;

S. 1453, to facilitate relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union,

in light of the Alliance's April 1999 Washington Summit and the European Union's June 1999 Cologne Summit;

S. Res. 209, expressing concern over interference with freedom of the press and the independence of judicial and electoral institutions in Peru;

S. Res. 217, relating to the freedom of belief, expression, and association in the People's Republic of China, with an amendment;

An original concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 68), expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the historic events in Central and Eastern Europe, particularly in the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, and reaffirming the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Czech and Slovak Republics;

S. Con. Res. 30, recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of members of America's non-governmental organizations and private volunteer organizations throughout their history and specifically in answer to their courageous response to recent disasters in Central America and Kosovo;

H.R. 1477, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran;

H.R. 1794, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO);

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Estonia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105–55), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Lithuania for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105–56), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Latvia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on January 15, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 105–57), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the United States of America and the Republic of Slovenia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Ljubljana on June 21, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106–9), with 1 reservation, 1 understanding, 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the

Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, together with a Protocol, signed at Caracas on January 25, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-3), with 2 understandings, 2 declarations and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Italian Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Fraud or Fiscal Evasion, signed at Washington on August 25, 1999, together with a Protocol (Treaty Doc. 106-11), with 1 reservation, 1 understanding, 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on August 19, 1999, together with a Protocol (Treaty Doc. 106-12), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Bonn on December 3, 1980, signed at Washington, December 14, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 106-13), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital Gains signed at Dublin on July 28, 1997 (Treaty Doc. 106-15), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

The Extradition Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea, signed at Washington on June 9, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 106-2), with 2 understandings, 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Convention (No. 182) Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor, adopted by the International Labor Conference at the 87th Session in Geneva on June 17, 1999 (Treaty Doc. 106-5), with 2 understandings, 1 declaration and 1 proviso; and

The nominations of Gary L. Ackerman, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, William B. Bader, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, James D. Bindenagel, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during tenure of service as Special Envoy and Representative of the Secretary of State for Holocaust Issues, Avis Thayer Bohlen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Joseph

R. Crapa, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs of the United States Agency for International Development, James B. Cunningham, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Craig Gordon Dunkerley, of Massachusetts, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of Service as Special Envoy for Conventional Forces in Europe, Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Non-proliferation, Harriet L. Elam, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, Anthony Stephen Harrington, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, Donald Stuart Hays, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for UN Management and Reform, Martin S. Indyk, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Israel, Gregory Lee Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Willene A. Johnson, of New York, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, David H. Kaeuper, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo, Peter T. King, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Jimmy J. Kolker, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, John E. Lange, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Alan Phillip Larson, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Delano Eugene Lewis, Sr., of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Charles Taylor Manatt, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Joseph W. Prueher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Michael Edward Ranneberger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, J. Stapleton Roy, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research, Samuel A. Rubino, of New Hampshire, for appointment as Foreign Service Officer of Class One, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America, Christopher

L. Stillman, of Connecticut, for appointment as Foreign Service Officer of Class Two, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America, Lawrence H. Summers, of Maryland, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank, United States Governor of the African Development Bank, United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank, United States Governor of the African Development Fund, and United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Edward S. Walker, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Norman A. Wulf, of Virginia, to be a Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, Mary Carlin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and certain Foreign Service Officer Promotion lists.

Also, committee began markup of S. 1463, to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

PROMOTING U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations held hearings on issues relating to promoting United States national interests at the United Nations, receiving testimony from Richard C. Holbrooke, United States Representative to the United Nations.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1198, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1707, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to provide that certain designated Federal entities shall be establishments under such Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1516, to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program;

An original bill, to amend the Federal Report Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66; 109 Stat. 734);

S. 1503, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2003;

H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges;

S. 1295, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the "Lance Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office";

H.R. 100, to establish designations for three United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the "Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building", the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building", and the "Max Weiner Post Office Building";

H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office";

H.R. 1191, to designate four facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois, the "Cardiss Collins Post Office Building", the "Otis Grant Collins Post Office Building", the "Mary Alice (Ma) Henry Post Office Building" and the "Robert LeFlore, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building";

H.R. 1327, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 34480 Highway 101 South in Cloverdale, Oregon, as the "Maurine B. Neuberger United States Post Office";

H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building", with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of LeGree Sylvia Daniels, of Pennsylvania, and John F. Walsh, of Connecticut, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Sally Katzen, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, and Joshua Gotbaum, of New York, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, both of the Office of Management and Budget.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1114, to amend the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to establish a more cooperative and effective method for rulemaking that takes into

account the special needs and concerns of smaller miners;

S. 1809, to improve service systems for individuals with developmental disabilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Amy Achor, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Corporation for National and Community Service, Charles Richard Barnes, of Georgia, to be Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation, Michael Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education, A. Lee Fritschler, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education, Irasema Garza, of Maryland, to be Director, Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, Stephen Hadley, of the District of Columbia, and

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, Paul Steven Miller, of California, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Anthony Musick, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, and Linda Aaker, of Texas, Edward Ayers, of Virginia, Ira Berlin, of the District of Columbia, Pedro Castillo, of California, Evelyn Edson, of Virginia, Peggy Prenshaw, of Louisiana, and Theodore Striggles, of New York, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3206–3216; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75 and H. Res. 357, were introduced.

Pages H11480–81

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2634, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to registration requirements for practitioners who dispense narcotic drugs in schedule IV or V for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment, amended (H. Rept. 106–441, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 356, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 106–442);

H. Res. 358, providing for consideration of making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–443);

H. Res. 359, providing for consideration of H.R. 3196, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–444); and

H. Res. 360, providing that the House disagrees to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agrees to a conference (H. Rept. 106–445).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, November 2, by a ye and nay vote of 336 yeas to 59 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 557.

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Motion to Instruct—Quality Care for the Uninsured Act: The House agreed to the Dingell motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2990, Quality Care for the Uninsured Act of 1999, to insist on the provisions of the bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999 and to insist that such provisions be paid for by a ye and nay vote of 257 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 558.

Pages H11380–90

The Speaker appointed conferees from the Committee on Commerce: Chairman Bliley and Representatives Bilirakis, Shadegg, Dingell, and Pallone. From the Committee on Ways and Means: Chairman Archer and Representatives, Thomas, Johnson of Connecticut, Rangel, and Stark provided, that Representative McCrery is appointed in lieu of Representative Johnson of Connecticut for consideration of title XIV of the House bill and sections 102, 111(b) and 304 and title II of the Senate amendment. From the Committee on Education and the Workforce: Representatives Boehner, Talent, Fletcher, Clay, and Andrews. From the Committee on Government Reform for consideration of section 503 of the Senate amendment: Chairman Burton and

Representatives Scarborough, and Waxman. Appointed as additional conferees: Representatives Goss and Berry.

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Questions of Privilege: Pursuant to Rule IX, Representatives Doyle and Klink announced their intentions to present questions of the privileges of the House in the form of resolutions that call on the President to abstain from renegotiating international agreements governing antidumping and countervailing measures. The forms of these resolutions appear on pages H11390–91.

County Schools Funding Revitalization Act: The House passed H.R. 2389, to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools and roads by a recorded vote of 274 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 560.

Pages H11395–H11420

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the George Miller of California amendment that clarifies that the approved projects shall be in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

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Rejected the Udall of Colorado amendment that sought to give each eligible county the option of using 20 percent of its distribution for community based projects rather than to require it by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 559.

Pages H11409–19

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 352, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, amendments in H. Rept. 106–437 were considered as adopted.

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Providing for Suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 353, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules by a yeas and nays vote of 222 yeas to 200 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 561.

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Consideration of Suspensions: Pursuant to H. Res. 353, the majority Leader announced that the following suspensions will be considered on Thursday, Nov. 4: H. Con. Res. 214 and H.R. 1693.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other

activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 216 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 562.

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H. Res. 354, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to the Linder amendment in the nature of a substitute that considers an amendment to H.R. 3194 to strike section 175 as adopted.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Separation of isotopes of uranium: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and Australia concerning technology for the separation of isotopes of uranium by laser excitation—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and

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Veto Message on District of Columbia Appropriations Act: Message wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 3064, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 and explains his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed H. Doc. 106–154.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H11375 and H11478.

Referrals: S. 440 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce; S. 1844 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means; and S. Con. Res. 67 and S. Con. Res. 66 were referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas and nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11380, H11389–90, H11418–19, H11419–20, H11421, and H11439–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEBT RELIEF FOR POVERTY REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1095, Debt Relief for Poverty Reduction Act of 1999.

SPAMMING

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Spamming: The E-Mail You Want

To Can, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 3113, Unsolicited Electronic Mail Act of 1999; H.R. 2162, Can Spam Act; and H.R. 1910, E-Mail User Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wilson, Green of Texas; and Gary Miller of California; Eileen Harrington, Associate Director, Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1693, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the overtime exemption for employees engaged in fire protection activities; H.R. 2434, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act of 1999; and H.R. 3172, amended, to amend the welfare-to-work program and modify the welfare-to-work performance bonus.

PROVIDING ADEQUATE HOUSING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on Providing Adequate Housing: Is HUD Fulfilling Its Mission? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Saul Ramirez, Jr., Deputy Secretary; William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Kathy Kuhl-Inclan, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2533, Fairness in Telecommunications License Transfers Act of 1999; H.R. 2636, Taxpayer's Defense Act; and H.R. 2701, Justice for MAS Applicants of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntosh and Hayworth; William Kennard, Chairman, FCC; and public witnesses.

PROHIBIT INTERNET GAMBLING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action H.R. 3125, to prohibit Internet gambling.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE ROADLESS AREAS

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported, as amended, S. 430, Kake Tribal Corporation Land Exchange Act.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on a proposal by the Administration directing U.S. Forest Service to promulgate regulations regarding roadless areas within the National Forest System. Testimony was heard from George Frampton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Michael P. Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and a public witness.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before the legislative day of November 10, 1999, providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, an amendment thereto, a conference report thereon, or an amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before the legislative day of November 10, 1999, providing for consideration of any bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule H.R. 3196, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be in order without intervention of any point of order or demand for a division of the question, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2000 MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote a rule providing that the House disagrees to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3194, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. The rule provides that the House agrees to the conference requested by the Senate thereon.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2000

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a closed rule on H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 providing one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit.

HOME PAGE TAX REPEAL ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2797, Home Page Tax Repeal Act.

AGING OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Empowerment and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Business Opportunities and Special Small Business Problems held a joint hearing on The Aging of Agriculture: Empowering Young Farmers to Grow for the Future. Testimony was heard from Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD'S SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's search and rescue mission. Testimony was heard from James E. Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

HARBOR AND INLAND WATERWAY FINANCING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Harbor and Inland Waterway Financing. Testimony was heard from John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, Transportation Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION—UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information: Scope and Seriousness of the Problem. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AUTHORIZATION—FAA

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

CHECHEN/RUSSIAN CRISIS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings on the Chechen crisis and its implication for Russian democracy, after receiving testimony from Lyoma Usmanov, Representative of the Chechen Republic to the United States; John Dunlop, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and Fiona Hill, Eurasia Foundation, and Yo'av Karny, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings on certain initiatives to improve nursing home quality of care, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on the nomination of Alphonso Maldon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; and the nomination of John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings on local phone competition, examining how to increase consumer choice in local telephone markets, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to Chechnya, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future United States policy with Nigeria, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources on S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands; and S. 1315, to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relating to the MCI Worldcom/Sprint merger, 11 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the report of the United States Commission on National Security/21st Century, 9:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Problems with EPA's Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Program, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on WTO 2000: The Next Round, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on Project Exile: A Case Study in Successful Enforcement, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, to mark up H.R. 2376, to require agencies to establish expedited review procedures for granting a waiver to a State under a grant program administered by the agency if another State has already been granted a similar waiver by the agency under such program, 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on The Cuban Program: Torture of American Prisoners by Cuban Agents, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to mark up H.R. 2528, Immigration Reorganization and Improvement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Limitations on Patenting Millsites under the Mining Law of 1872 and the Approval of Mining Plans of Operations Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: S. 548, Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site Act of

1999; H.R. 1668, Loess Hills Preservation Study Act of 1999; and H.R. 2278, to require the National Park Service to conduct a feasibility study regarding options for the protection and expanded visitor enjoyment of nationally significant natural and cultural resources at Fort Hunter Liggett, California, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on Y2K Myths and Realities: Responding to the Questions of the American Public with 50 Days Remaining Until January 1, 2000, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Defense Contract Bundling Policy, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Straight Out Departures at Newark Airport, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management, hearing on EPA Grants Management, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on North Korean Strategic Thinking: One Analyst's View, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, time to be announced, SC-5, Capitol.

Joint Meetings: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources on S. 1586, to reduce the fractionated ownership of Indian Lands; and S. 1315, to permit the leasing of oil and gas rights on certain lands held in trust for the Navajo Nation or allotted to a member of the Navajo Nation, in any case in which there is consent from a specified percentage interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the conference report on S. 900, Financial Services Modernization Act, with a vote on adoption to occur thereon.

Next meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 4

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Con. Res. 214, Endorsement of Systematic Phonics Instruction;

(2) H.R. 1693, Clarification of Overtime Exemption for Fire Protection Activity Employees;

Consideration of H.J. Res. 75, further continuing appropriations for FY 2000 (closed rule, one hour of general debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3196, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, 2000 (Structured rule, one hour of general debate);

Consideration of the Conference report on S. 900, Financial Services Modernization Act (rule waives points of order);

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